there-about take it from what their Forefathers had thrown away, and had lain long in the open Air. The uſe above mentioned being conſiderable, the perſon, who ſent it, hath been intreated, to inform what quantities may be had of it, if there ſhould be occaſion to ſend for ſome.

Of an Hungarian Bolus, of the ſame Effect with the Bolus Armenus.

The ſame perſon gave notice alſo, that, beſides the *Bolus Armenus*, and the *Terra Sileſiaca*, there is an Earth to be found in *Hungary* about the River *Tockay*, thence called *Bolus Tockavienſis*, having as good effects in *Phyſick*, as either of the former two, and commended by experience in thoſe parts, as much as it is by *Sennertus* out of *Crato*, for its goodneſs,

Of the New American *Whale-fiſhing about the* Bermudas.

Here follows a Relation, ſomewhat more divertiſing, than the precedent Accounts; which is about the new *Whale-fiſhing* in the *Weſt-Indies* about the *Bermudas*, as it was delivered by an underſtanding and hardy Sea-man, who affirmed he had been at the killing work himſelf. His account, as far as remembred, was this; that though hitherto all Attempts of maſtering the Whales of thoſe Seas had been unſuccesful, by reaſon of the extraordinary fierceneſs and ſwiftneſs of theſe monſtrous Animals; yet the enterpriſe being lately renewed, and ſuch perſons choſen and ſent thither for the work, as were reſolved not to be baffled by a Sea-monſter, they did proſper ſo far in this undertaking, that, having been out at Sea, near the ſaid Iſle of *Bermudas*, ſeventeen times, and faſtned their Weapons a dozen times, they killed in theſe expeditions 2 old Female-Whales, and 3 Cubs, whereof one of the old ones, from the head to the extremity of the Tayl, was 88. Foot in length, by meaſure; its Tayl being 23. Foot broad, the ſwimming Finn 26. Foot long, and the Gills three Foot long: having great bends underneath from the Noſe to the Navil; upon her after-part, a Finn on the backs being within

paved (this was the plain Sea mans phraſe) with fat, like the Cawl of a Hog.

The other old one, he ſaid, was ſome 60. Foot long. Of the Cubs, one was 33. the other two, much about 25. or 26. Foot long.

The ſhape of the Fiſh, he ſaid, was very ſharp behind, like the ridge of a houſe; the head pretty bluff, and full of bumps on both ſides; the back perfectly black, and the belly white.

Their celerity and force he affirmed to be wonderful, inſomuch that one of thoſe Creatures, which he ſtruck himſelf, towed the boat wherein he was, after him, for the ſpace of ſix or ſeven Leagues, in ¼ of an hours time. Being wounded, he ſaith, they make a hideous roaring, at which, all of that kind that are within hearing, come towards that place, where the Animal is, yet without ſtriking, or doing any harm to the wary.

He added, that they ſtruck one of a prodigious bigneſs, and by gueſs of above 100 foot long. He is of opinion, that this Fiſh comes neareſt to that ſort of Whales, which they call the *Jubartes*; they are without teeth, and longer than the *Greenland*-Whales, but not ſo thick.

He ſaid further, that they fed much upon Graſs, growing at the bottom of the Sea; which, he affirmed, was ſeen by cutting up the great Bag of Maw, wherein he had found in one of them about two or three Hogſheads of a greeniſh graſſy-matter.

As to the quantity and nature of the Oyl which they yield, he thought, that the largeſt ſort of theſe Whales might afford ſeven or eight Tuns if well husbanded, although they had loſt much this firſt time, for want of a good Cooper, having brought home but eleven Tuns. The Cubbs, by his relation, do yield but little, and that is but a kind of a Jelly. That which the old ones render, doth candy like Porks-Greaſe, yet burneth very well. He obſerved, that the Oyl of the Blubber is as clear and fair as any Whey: but that which is boyled out of the Lean, interlarded, becomes as hard as Tallow, ſpattering in the burning and that which is made of the Cawl, reſembleth Hoggs-greaſe.

One, but ſcarce credible, quality of this Oyl, he affirms to be, that though it be boiling, yet one may run ones hand into it without ſcalding; to which he adds, that it hath a very healing

Vertue

Vertue for cuttings, lameneſs, &c. the part affected being anointed therewith. One thing more he related, not to be omitted, which is, that having told, that the time of catching theſe Fiſhes was from the beginning of *March*, to the end of *May*, after which time they appeared no more in that part of the Sea: he did, when asked, whither they then retired, give this Anſwer, That it was thought, they went into the Weed-beds of the Gulf of *Florida*, it having been obſerved, that upon their Fins and Tails they have ſtore of Clams or Barnacles, upon which, he ſaid, Rock-weed or Sea-tangle did grow a hand long; many of them having been taken of them, of the bigneſs of great Oyſter-ſhels, and hung upon the Governour of *Bermudas* his Pales.

A Narrative concerning the ſucceſs of Pendulum-Watches at Sea for the Longitudes.

The Relation lately made by Major *Holmes*, concerning the ſucceſs of the *Pendulum-Watches* at Sea (two whereof were committed to his Care and Obſervation in his laſt voyage to *Guiny* by ſome of our Eminent *Virtuoſi*, and Grand Promoters of Navigation) is as followeth;

The ſaid *Major* having left that Coaſt, and being come to the Iſle of St. *Thomas* under the *Line*, accompanied with four Veſſels, having there adjuſted his Watches, put to Sea, and ſailed Weſtward, ſeven or eight hundred Leagues, without changing his courſe; after which, finding the Wind favourable, he ſteered towards the Coaſt of *Africk*, North-North-Eaſt. But having ſailed upon that *Line* a matter of two or three hundred Leagues, the Maſters of the other Ships, under his Conduct, apprehending that they ſhould want Water, before they could reach that Coaſt, did propoſe to him to ſteer their Courſe to the *Barbadoes*, to ſupply themſelves with Water there. Whereupon the ſaid Major, having called the Maſter and Pilots together, and cauſed them to produce their Journals and Calculations, it was found, that thoſe Pilots did differ in their reckonings from that of the Major, one of them eighty Leagues, another about an hundred, and the third, more; but the Major judging by his *Pendulum-Watches*, that they were only ſome thirty Leagues diſtant from the